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Closing Time: 4:00 p.m., Madagascar Time

IQC Contractors under the TASCIII - Global Health IQC

Subject: Request for Proposals No. 687-08-P-004, Expanding the Use of Selected Health Services and Products and Improving Health Practices in Madagascar

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Government, represented by the U.S. Agency for International Development's Mission to Madagascar (USAID/Madagascar) through the Regional Center for Southern Africa (RCSA), Regional Contracting Office is seeking proposals from all Contractors under the TASC III - Global Health IQC that are interested in providing the services detailed in the attached Request for Proposals.

The procedures set forth in Section F.5 Fair Opportunity shall apply. USAID plans to award a Cost Plus Fixed Fee Task order for an estimated period of 5 years. Cost proposals shall be evaluated as a part of a best value determination for task order award. Since the task order will be a completion type and will be based on the offeror's successful proposal, the solicitation does not specify a level of effort (LOE) for the task order. The award of the Task Order is subject to availability of funds. The statement of work is performance based. The total estimated cost for the implementation of this program is approximately between \$32,000,000.00 and \$32,200,000.00

Any questions regarding this RFP should be received no later than **February 25, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. local time**, **in writing only.** Please fax/email questions to:

Frederique Rakotoarivelo

Senior Acquisition and Assistance Specialist

Contracting Office

Facsimile number: 261 20 22 538 86/87

E-mail: FRakotoarivelo@usaid.gov with copy to ORakotomalala-And@usaid.gov

Any responses to questions received regarding this RFP may be furnished to all prospective offerors as an amendment to the solicitation, if such information is necessary to offerors in submitting proposals, or if the lack of such information would be prejudicial to uninformed offerors.

Any amendments to this solicitation will be issued to all contractors under the TASCIII - Global Health IQC.

You are invited to submit the original Technical proposal and two (02) copies and the original cost proposal and two (02) copies no later than April 7, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Madagascar time.

## REGIONAL CONTRACTING/AGREEMENT OFFICE

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The technical and cost proposals shall be submitted to:

Contracting Office USAID/Madagascar 6<sup>th</sup> Floor ZITAL Tower, Ankorondrano Antananarivo, Madagascar (Ref RFP-08-P-004)

The Offerors must ensure that the mailed proposal is received prior to the date and time set for closing. Late proposals will not be accepted.

Electronic copies of the proposals is acceptable and may be submitted to Frederique Rakotoarivelo at FRakotoarivelo@usaid.gov in MS Word and Excel and shall be followed by a hard copy by the closing date indicated above.

Your technical and cost proposals should be submitted in accordance with instructions set forth in the solicitation and shall be submitted in sealed, separate envelopes, marked clearly RFP No. 687-08-P-004 "Technical Proposal" and RFP No. 687-08-P-004, "Cost/Business Proposal".

Issuance of this solicitation does not constitute an award commitment on the part of the Government, nor does it commit the Government to pay for any costs incurred in the preparation or submission of a proposal. Furthermore, the Government reserves the right to reject any and all offers, if such action is considered to be in the best interest of the Government.

Sincerely,

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Contracting Officer